CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force		Discour	 rt. Г	1 U.S.
Chris Olmsted		Squad #09	202102650	1	Abuse		O.L.	L	Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:			18 N	Mo. S	OL		Precinct:
Saturday, 05/30/2020 9:20 PM, Saturday, 05/30/2020 11:00 PM		The Bowery at East First Ave, Manhattan; One Police Plaza, Manhattan			5/4	4/202	2		09
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	:	Date/Tim	e Rec	eived at C	CRB	
Thu, 04/29/2021 4:53 PM		CCRB	Phone		Thu, 04/2	29/202	1 4:53 P	M	
Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addr	ress						
Witness(es)		Home Addr	ress						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. AC Stephen Hughes	00000	874365	PBMS						
2. DC John Dadamo	00000	913627	SRG						
3. An officer									
4. PO Carlos Bello	12741	962946	106 PCT						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	No Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. INS Gerard Dowling	00000	915640	SRG						
2. POM Erik Fischer	26062	955917	SRG 4						
3. POM Richard Kaplan	23199	957725	SRG 4						
4. PO Leonel Giron	21368	959658	SRG 1						
5. SGT Edward Caceres	03178	941482	007 PCT						
6. PO Michael Avelin	14107	966450	107 PCT						
7. PO Steven Holguin	19665	958704	SRG 1						
8. PO Erik Green	27395	936697	DIS CTL						
Officer(s)	Allegati	on			Inv	estiga	ator Rec	omn	nendation
A . DC John Dadamo	Manhatt	esy: On The Bowery at an, Deputy Chief John l eously to \$87(2)(b)		1					
B . DC John Dadamo	Manhatt	resy: On The Bowery at an, Deputy Chief John I eously to [887(2)(b)		l					
C . DC John Dadamo		on The Bowery at East I Chief John Dadamo use			n,				
D . DC John Dadamo		on The Bowery at East I Chief John Dadamo use			n,				
E. An officer		On The Bowery at East er damaged § 87(2)(b)	First Avenue in Man s property.	hatta	an,				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
F . AC Stephen Hughes	Abuse: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, Assistant Chief Stephen Hughes interfered with suse of a recording device.	
G. An officer	Force: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, an officer used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	
H . PO Carlos Bello	Discourtesy: Outside of One Police Plaza, Police Officer Carlos Bello spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b)	
I . PO Carlos Bello	Discourtesy: Outside of One Police Plaza, Police Officer Carlos Bello acted discourteously toward \$\struct{87(2)(b)}{2}\$	

Case Summary

On April 29, 2021, this case was spun off from CCRB §87(2)(b)
On May 30, 2020, § 87(2)(b) , and § 87(2)(b) were
part of a protest group of several hundred pedestrians and cyclists that marched from the Barclays
Center in Brooklyn to Union Square in Manhattan. At approximately 9:20 p.m., on The Bowery
between East Houston Street and East 1st Avenue in Manhattan, the protest group encountered
several details of NYPD officers. Clashes occurred, resulting in this complaint and CCRB
complaints § 87(2)(b) , § 87(2)(b) , and § 87(2)(b) .
In this case, at the intersection of East 1st Street and The Bowery in Manhattan, Deputy
Chief John D'Adamo of SRG spoke discourteously about and in the presence of
\$ 87(2)(b) and $$$ 87(2)(c) (Allegations A & B: Discourtesy, $$$ 87(2)(g) and ordered
officers to arrest them. Officers, on the orders of Deputy Chief D'Adamo, used physical force
against both \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) during their arrests (Allegations C & D:
Force, \$87(2)(9)), an officer allegedly damaged \$87(2)(6) s property (Allegation E: Abuse
of Authority, \$87(2)(9)), and Assistant Chief Stephen Hughes of Patrol Borough
Manhattan South interfered with \$87(2)(b) s use of a recording device (Allegation F: Abuse of
Authority, § 87(2)(9) . After § 87(2)(b) was arrested, an officer used physical
Authority , \$87(2)(9)). After \$87(2)(6) was arrested, an officer used physical force against him (Allegation G: Force , \$87(2)(9)). On a prisoner transport bus, PO
Carlos Bello of the 106 th Precinct allegedly spoke and acted discourteously towards
§ 87(2)(b) (Allegations H & I: Discourtesy, § 87(2)(9)).
Across the relevant investigations, NYPD Legal provided 66 body-worn camera (BWC)
videos and identified 45 negative results for BWC footage related to this incident. Videos from PO
Nordwing Veszter of SRG 4 (Board Review [BR] 01), Sergeant Duane Barnes of the Information
Technology Bureau (BR 02), Sergeant Edward Caceres of the 7 th Precinct (BR 03), PO Leonel
Giron (BR 04) and PO Steven Holguin (BR 05) of SRG 1, and PO Michael Avelin of the 107 th
Precinct (BR 06) have footage material to this incident. PO Veszter, Sergeant Barnes, PO Giron,
and PO Holguin's Axon Body 2 cameras recorded their videos in their default time zone, Zulu, as
indicated by the letter 'Z' after their internal timestamps. On May 30, 2020, Zulu time was four
hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Sergeant Caceres and PO Avelin's BWCs recorded
their videos in EDT.
provided videos and photographs relevant to this incident taken by himself,
and from Twitter. Of those, videos CV3 (BR 07), CV4 (BR 08), CV6 (BR 21), and images
887(2)(6) — Photo 1' through 887(2)(6) — Photo 6' (BR 22) contain evidence material to this case, as
does CV5 (BR 09), a video provided by §87(2)(b) a complainant in CCRB
202003897. § 87(2)(b) also provided CV1, which contains evidence material to officer
identification. (BR 31)
§ 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were arrested § 87(2)(b) during this
incident. § 87(2)(b) was issued a summons § 87(2)(b) . (BR 27)
Findings and Recommendations
Allogation (A) Discountages On The Powers at Fast First Avenue in Monhetten, Deputy Chief
Allegation (A) Discourtesy: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, Deputy Chief John D'Adamo spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(6)
Allegation (B) Discourtesy: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, Deputy Chief
John D'Adamo spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)
Allegation (C) Force: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, Deputy Chief John
D'Adamo used physical force against \$87(2)(b)
Allegation (D) Force: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, Deputy Chief John
D'Adamo used physical force against \$87(2)(6)
Allegation (E) Abuse of Authority: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, an

approached § 87(2)(b) and several officers took §

to the ground. §87(2)(b) could not describe the officers as he was not

resisted the attempts to force him onto his bike, fearing that being pressed on top of it would be

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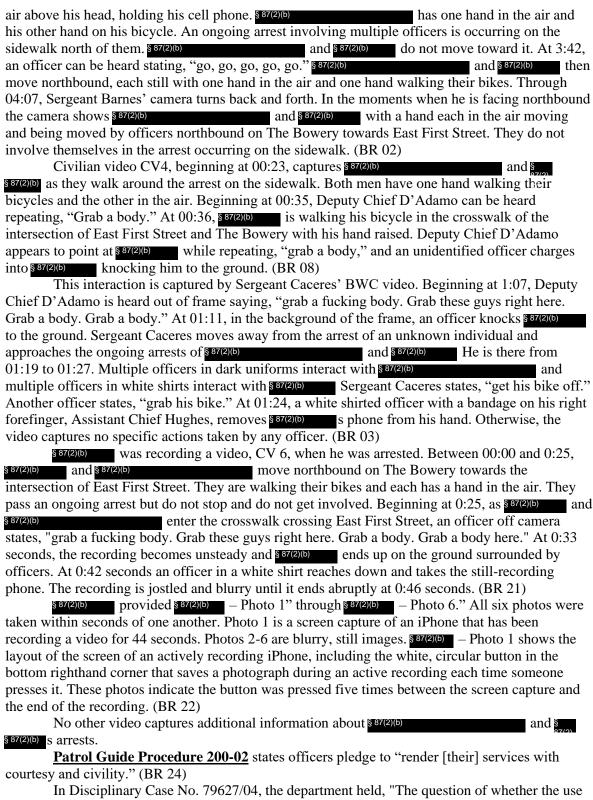
painful. § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b)

wearing his glasses. Additional officers assisted in forcing \$87(2)(b) forward onto his bike. stated in sum and substance that he was being pinned onto his bike. The officer holding him lifted him slightly, and an officer pulled \$87(2)(b) s bike from beneath him. Officers pushed \$87(2)(b) back down, pulled his hands behind his back, and zip-tied him. did not resist. \$87(2)(b) still had his phone and glasses in his hand. \$87(2)(b) s phone was still recording. An officer reached down and took his phone. He pressed buttons on it in what understood to be attempts to turn off the recording. A blue-uniformed officer attempted to twist \$87(2)(b) s glasses out of his hand. \$87(2)(b) repeated in sum and substance that the object the officer was pulling on was his glasses, that the officer was breaking them, that § 87(2)(b) needed them to see, and he requested that the officer stop breaking them. The officer did not react or reply. §87(2)(b) let go of his glasses, and the officer took them. During his arrest §87(2)(b) could see § 87(2)(b) to his left but could not see in detail as he was not wearing his glasses. (BR 11) Deputy Chief D'Adamo did not recall this incident. He watched footage from Civilian video 1 (CV1) and identified himself as the officer on the left of the opening frame in a short sleeved, white shirt but stated it did not refresh his recollection of the incident. He watched BWC footage from Sergeant Caceres and PO Erik Green of Disorder Control, stated they did not refresh his recollection, and stated that he could not hear an officer in the video make the comment, "everybody grab a fucking body." Deputy Chief D'Adamo and his counsel stated that some audio from the media files played through Microsoft Teams was not clear. They reported no change after attempts to improve the call and audio quality. (BR 12) Sergeant Caceres stated he did not recall this incident. He watched footage from his BWC recording and stated it did not refresh his recollection. (BR 13) Assistant Chief Hughes identified himself as the white-shirted officer wearing a bandage on his right hand during the incident but stated he did not recall this incident. BWC footage, civilian footage, and civilian pictures did not refresh his recollection of the incident. (BR 14) PO Holguin recalled seeing officers arresting an individual, identified through the investigation as § 87(2)(b) at the corner of East First Street and The Bowery. He approached them and offered flex cuffs to an officer, who placed them § 87(2)(b) PO Holguin did not recall further details about § 87(2)(b) s arrest. Footage from his BWC recording did not refresh his recollection of the incident. (BR 15) PO Giron did not recall this incident. He watched his BWC footage and stated it did not help him recall the incident. (BR 16) and § 87(2)(b) appear nearly constantly on BWC and in civilian media between their arrival at the incident location and their arrests. In PO Veszter's BWC, § 87(2)(b) arrives on The Bowery from East Houston Street at 03:16. He is a white male with shoulder-length brown hair wearing a black t-shirt, black calf-length pants, and he has a bicycle. He waits north of the intersection of East Houston Street and The Bowery until he is joined by \$87(2)(b) a white male with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt with large black letters walking a bicycle, at 03:30. At 03:51 (9:20:46 p.m.), follows \$87(2)(b) northbound on The Bowery out of frame. (BR 01) recorded CV3 upon his arrival onto The Bowery. It shows he and who appears at 00:03 in a patterned face mask, are not part of the group of civilians surrounding the ongoing interactions between police and protestors on the west side of the street, nor do they join the group. (BR 07) In civilian video CV5, at approximately 0:02 (9:20:35 p.m.), \$87(2)(6) is visible on the east sidewalk of The Bowery against the wall with his hands raised. Officers can be heard ordering people to disperse. (BR 09) In Sergeant Barnes' BWC recording, beginning at 03:30 (9:20:56 p.m.),

Bowery, north of their position in CV5. §87(2)(b) has one hand on his bicycle and one hand in the

and § 87(2)(b) are visible against storefronts on the east sidewalk of The



of profanity by a member of the service during a street confrontation with a civilian constitutes misconduct has been the subject of a number of Departmental disciplinary decisions. These decisions have consistently concluded that when a police officer uses an otherwise impolite word during a stressful street encounter where that officer is attempting to maintain control of the

situation, the police officer's verbal slip does not rise to the level of actionable misconduct." (BR 17)

On May 30, 2020, <u>Patol Guide Procedure 221-01</u> stated, "Force may be used when it is reasonable to ensure the safety of a member of the service or a third person, or otherwise protect life, or when it is reasonable to place a person in custody or to prevent escape from custody." It further states, "In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, members of service should consider the following:

- a. The nature and severity of crime/circumstances,
- b. Actions taken by subject,
- c. Duration of action.
- d. Immediacy of perceived threat or harm to subject, members of the service, and/or bystanders,
 - e. Whether the subject is actively resisting custody,
 - f. Whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight,
 - g. Number of subjects in comparison to number of MOS,
 - h. Size, age, and condition of subject in comparison to MOS,
 - i. Subject's violent history, if known,
 - j. Presence of hostile crowd or agitators, and/or
- k. Subject apparently under influence of a stimulant/narcotic which would affect pain tolerance or increase the likelihood of violence." (BR 18)

On May 30, 2020, <u>Patrol Guide Procedure 221-02</u> stated members of service must "assess the situation continually and adjust the use of force as necessary." (BR 19)

On May 30, 2020, neither the New York State Right to Monitor Act or the New York City Right to Record Law was in effect. At the time of the incident, **Patrol Guide Procedure 203-29** stated, "[The] right to observe and/or record police action can be limited for reasons such as the safety of officers or other members of the public, or when a violation of law is committed by the individual(s) who are observing/videotaping. The following guidelines should be utilized by members of the service whenever the above situation exists:

a. DO NOT:

- (1) Threaten, intimidate, or otherwise discourage an observer from recording the police officer's activities; or
- (2) Intentionally block or obstruct cameras or other recording devices when there is no legitimate law enforcement reason to do so; or
- (3) Delete any pictures or recordings from observer's recording device or order observer to delete such pictures or recordings." (BR 20)

During the incident, Deputy Chief D'Adamo indicated 887(2)(6)

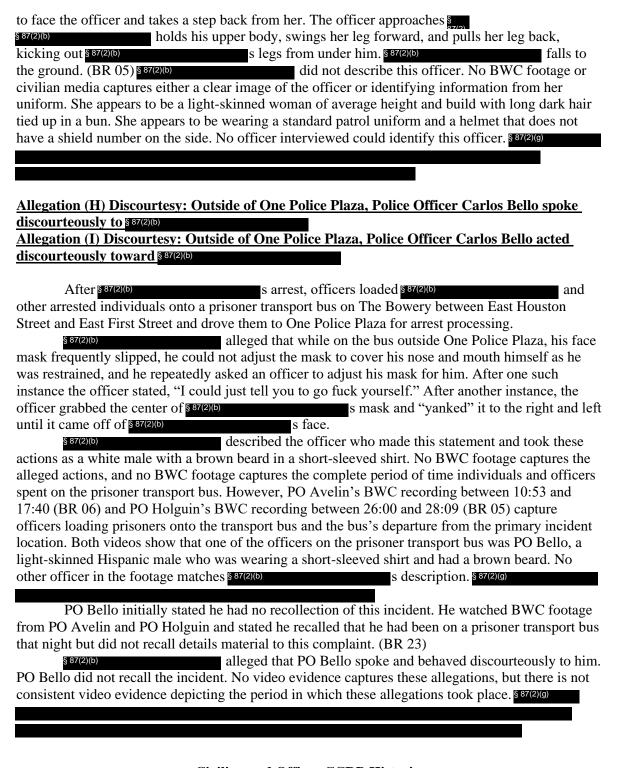
place a person in custody or to prevent escape from custody." § 87(2)(9)

when he said, "Everybo	dy grab a fucking body." Pat	trol Guide Procedure 200-02 broadly	7 7
prohibits officers from using p	rofanity towards, or about an	nd in the presence of, civilians. § 87(2)(9)
Deputy Chief D'Adam	1	and § 87(2)(b) ordered	
officers to arrest them, and ren	nained on scene as officers to	ook them into custody. In stating, "gr	ab a
body," Deputy Chief D'Adame	o directly ordered officers to	use physical force, as evidenced by	
Deputy Chief D'Adamo's deci	sion not to clarify or amend	his order when officers used physica	ı1
force against § 87(2)(b)	and § 87(2)(b) im	mediately and in Deputy Chief	
D'Adamo's presence. Video e	vidence shows officers made	e no attempts to take either	

this occurred. Officers are permitted to use force during an arrest only "when it is reasonable to

or §87(2)(b) into custody without physical force. No officer recalled why

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§ 87(2)(g)
alleged that while he was being arrested he had his glasses in his hand and an
officer damaged them by twisting them. §87(2)(b) could not describe the officer who allegedly
took this action and the CCRB obtained no other evidence that identifies them. §87(2)(9)
alleged that when he was arrested, he was recording a video on his cell phone and a white-shirted officer took \$87(2)(b) s phone, pressed at the screen several times, and ended the recording. BWC evidence shows that Assistant Chief Hughes took \$37(2)(b) s phone during the incident. CV 6 shows that \$37(2)(b) had been recording for 0:42 seconds before Assistant Chief Hughes took the phone. \$37(2)(b) — Photo 1 shows that a combination of buttons was pressed a 0:44 seconds causing \$37(2)(b) — s phone to take a screen capture. \$37(2)(b) — Photo 2 through \$37(2)(b) — Photo 6 show that an individual pressed buttons on \$37(2)(b) — s phone at least five times between the screen capture and the end of the recording. \$37(2)(b)
Patrol Guide Procedure 203-29 requires officers to have a legitimate law enforcement reason to block or obstruct a civilian recording, even if the recorder has committed a violation of
law. § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(g)
Allegation (G) Force: On The Bowery at East First Avenue in Manhattan, an officer used
physical force against § 87(2)(b)
At 1.45 in DO H. Lori & DWC oil of Box 1
At 1:45 in PO Holguin's BWC video, \$87(2)(b) s arrest is over and officers appear in control of the scene. \$87(2)(b) is rear cuffed and an unidentified
officer appears to be holding his left arm. The officer and \$87(2)(b) take steps
forward. The officer appears to push \$87(2)(b) . \$87(2)(b) turns



Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- has been party to two other CCRB complaints and has been named as a victim in no other allegations. (BR 25)
- has been party to three other CCRB complaints and has been named as a victim in no other allegations. (BR 26)

- Deputy Chief D'Adamo has been a member of service for 31 years and has been named in three other CCRB complaints and four other allegations, none of which was substantiated.
- Assistant Chief Hughes has been a member of service for 41 years and has been named as a subject in six other CCRB complaints and 10 allegations, none of which was substantiated.
- PO Bello has been a member of service for 5 years and has been named as a subject in two other CCRB complaints and two other allegations, none of which was substantiated.

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- On February 2, 2022, the New York City Office of the Comptroller stated it has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards this to this complaint. (BR 28)

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• [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 8	36(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]		
Squad No.:	09		
Investigator:	Christopher Olmsted Signature	Investigator Chris Olmsted Print Title & Name	02/10/2022 Date
Squad Leader	: <u>Monique West</u> Signature	IM Monique West Print Title & Name	02/11/2022 Date
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